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NOTES IN SEASON.

It is in season to call the attention to the valuable College Directory in *Old and New* for July. It gives the full names of the presidents as well as of the faculty and other officers.

"QUIXSTAR," the new novel by the successful author of "Blindpits," will be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons on the 15th of August.

THE publication of Prof. Schem's new American edition of Hübner's "Universal Statistical Table," copy of which was ready for press, will probably be delayed a few weeks on account of the forthcoming twenty-second edition of Hübner's "Statistical Tables," which has just been announced in Germany, and will be used for a further revise of Schem's edition.

THE Appletons have nearly ready "Clinical Lectures on Electro-Therapeutics," by Allan Mc L. Hamilton, M.D.; a fresh American novel, "Driven from the Path;" and "Oak Openings," in their 12mo cloth edition of Cooper.

"My Satchel and I; or, Literature on Foot," is promised by D. E. Fisk & Co., of Springfield, for August 15 or thereabout. It is an amusing account, by Ikabod Isax, of the road experiences of a book canvasser, 12mo, pp. 325, 21 illustrations, \$1.50.

"THE Wooing O't," the story which in serial form has been so attractive a feature of *The Week*, will be issued next in Holt & Williams' popular "Leisure Hour Series."

THE long-looked-for "Pickwick," with illustrations by Th. Nast, will be published Monday or Tuesday next in Harper's Household Edition of Dickens.

A MOST seasonable and attractive book is Emilio Castelar's "Old Rome and New Italy." It differs from the common book of travel in that it leaves out entirely the circumstances of going or staying, and views its objects separately, in their historic or artistic individuality. It presents a series of complete pictures, drawn with that firmness and delicacy which come of practice and keen observation, and glowing with that richness of color which Señor Castelar knows well how to impart to everything he writes. The volume will be ready at Harper's in a day or two.

CARLETON & Co. have just ready a new edition of A. S. Roe's "True to the Last." They will publish also, on August 9, "Loyal Unto Death," a new novel from the last London edition, and "Dombey & Son," the fifth volume in their illustrated edition of Dickens' works.

Postal Card Decision.

As it may not be generally known that any writing whatever upon the face of the cards, except the necessary address, subjects the card to full letter postage, the following communication, addressed to Postmaster James of New York, commends itself to attention, as it is in reply to a question which but few people understand:

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BUSINESS CHANGES.

PHILADELPHIA.—Peter F. Cunningham, publisher and Catholic bookseller, having associated with him his son Francis A. Cunningham, the business will be carried on under the name of Peter F. Cunningham & Son, at their new store, No. 29 South Tenth street.

GREELEY, Colorado.—B. N. Rowe has opened business as bookseller, newsdealer, and stationer. He styles his establishment "The Greeley Bookstore."

BALTIMORE.—The firm of Cushings & Bailey was dissolved, by mutual consent, on July 1, 1873, Joseph Cushing, Jr., retiring. Lewis E. Bailey and Joseph M. Cushing having purchased the entire interest of Joseph Cushing, Jr., will continue the book and stationery business at the same place (262 Baltimore street, opposite Hanover), and under the same firm name (Cushings & Bailey) as heretofore.

NEW YORK.—The firm of Holt & Williams has been succeeded by Henry Holt & Co.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BOOKS JUST PUBLISHED.

The Prices in this List are for cloth lettered, unless otherwise expressed. Imported Books are marked with an asterisk; Authors' and Subscription Books, or Books published at net prices, with two asterisks.

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- Bible.** See McClintock and Strong.
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- Day, G. T. (80), African Adventure, \$1.50.....*Lothrop.*
- De Gex (77), Fisher & Jones' Reports, v. 1, \$5.
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We do not indulge in the dream of an "ideal catalogue" forming a full-title record of every leaf that bears an American imprint—in enterprise which would require years of labor, and which never could be realized without the support of an Astor. But what the Trade most needs, and the sooner given the better, is what has been properly called a "Practical Finding List." It may be an economic condensed title Record, confined to the books in the market, but in reference to those it should invariably answer the questions, Is there such a book? What books can be had on such subject? When and where were they published? Who is the author of—? What other books by

the same author are in the market? Who are the publishers? What is the price?

Such a catalogue, in the hands of the intelligent bookseller and librarian, and accessible to students and readers, will be of *lasting* benefit to the publisher, who, for *temporary* profit, may continue to distribute his own catalogue with increased advantage. But his catalogue cannot reach all the seekers for information on literature that would daily consult a General Catalogue, and might order many of his books if they could only learn of their existence *just when needed*. And this is the point. For even if the publisher's catalogue could reach them all, it would reach most of them when they would not need his books. The difference between the working of a publisher's catalogue and a General Catalogue is somewhat the same as that between a show window and a full and well-assorted stock within. The passer-by may occasionally pick up a book from the window, but the man who needs books walks in.

As stated before, we are ready at any time to undertake or aid any enterprise tending toward a "National Bibliography," provided it will receive the pecuniary and moral support of our leading publishers. They have thus far, with the exception of Mr. Robert Clarke and a very few others, shown no sign of encouragement beyond the contribution of their Lists to the "Uniform Trade List Annual."

It is true that the dealer, who will be directly benefited by such enterprise, should pay for value received, and he has shown his readiness; but this is not enough, while it is equally true that the publisher finally will reap the chief benefit, and that he too should contribute his share. This share is to consist not only of dollars and cents, but much more of practical aid to the compiler when seeking information.

We should be glad to have some plan suggested

by which the co-operation of all our practical bibliographers could be secured for this enterprise, such as Mr. Perkins, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Challen, and others. For the present we recommend the letter of our intelligent Omaha correspondent, and invite further discussion.

It is not surprising that the results of the pernicious practice of underselling begin to rouse the honest and injured dealer. We print to-day the communication of a fact which needs more than a passing notice. We will return to it in one of our forthcoming issues. We wish to get in possession of all available material necessary to illustrate and expose all the evils of underselling and unfair competition, and shall be glad to receive from the trade any information that can be used in an upright contest.

In closing the subscription list of the "Uniform Trade List Annual," we beg to express our thanks to booksellers as well as publishers for their interest in the enterprise, practically demonstrated by prompt subscriptions and promised contributions. We have the satisfaction to state that in our "Notice to Publishers" (to be served immediately), we shall have to call for 2,000 copies of their lists, which will be needed for the supply of subscribers and contributors. It is desirable that the Annual should be issued as early as possible, and it will depend on the publishers alone to have it ready early in September. We hope that this satisfactory result of the united action of the trade will form the groundwork for something better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

A National Bibliography.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

OMAHA, Neb., July 18, 1873.—We wish to add our sincere thanks to the many already expressed, for the yet further service you are about to render the book trade by publishing the "Trade List Annual." We have no doubts of its success, though we must regretfully entertain Mr. Perkins' belief that it must be a "missionary enterprise" on the part of the compiler. We are pleased to note the correspondence called forth by the announcement of the "Trade Annual." It may be looked upon as indicating, in a measure, the interest felt in our great want—a national bibliography.

Certainly this is a great want, of not only the American book trade, but also of our numberless literary men and students. The "Roorbach" and "Kelly" catalogues are very serviceable, espe-

cially the latter, but their inconvenience in being arranged under so many alphabets, and the incompleteness and frequent inaccuracy of the "Roorbach" will induce those who possess them to be among the first to eagerly welcome a new catalogue, as nearly complete as the employment of a competent and sufficient force can make it. And those who, from the scarcity and consequent high price of "Roorbach's Bibliotheca," are without even that, certainly must feel a continual want of a complete catalogue. It is a disgrace to the American book trade that it has suffered itself to remain so long without what is such a daily need. And the more the shame, when we think of how many competent bibliographers our country can boast. Why should we be behind Germany, England, France, Denmark, and Norway in this respect?

There is, then, no question of the need of a complete American catalogue, nor that competent persons can be readily found who are willing to undertake it, *provided* they are given some reasonable assurance of sufficient money support. This support it behooves the book-dealers to pledge without further delay. As to the suggestion of Congress doing the work, we dismiss the thought with a reference to your note appended to Messrs. Hall Bros.' letter in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY of July 5th.

Why not act upon Mr. Challen's suggestion of finding out "whether fifty cents, five dollars, or fifty dollars is considered a large price for the work," by allowing the pages of your WEEKLY to contain expressions of the dollars-and-cents interest felt in the project by those who have it at heart?

Every bookseller carrying a stock of five thousand dollars' worth of books can afford to pay fifty dollars for a complete catalogue, or even for a short-title finding list. The latter would be in most cases as practically useful as the former.

We have, as a matter of interest, scanned the pages of the last few numbers of the WEEKLY, and made a note of such correspondents as directly offer the above sum or more, and such others as, from their expressions concerning the matter, we may safely conclude would subscribe at least an equal amount; and find eight persons willing to pay fifty dollars for a complete catalogue. We gladly add our own name to the list, making in all nine, and we believe that, if called upon, the list would soon become a long one.

Allow us to appeal to you, through your love for our trade, that you will keep the ball, now started, rolling, and the day may be not far distant when we can hail with due pride a national bibliography.

L. THORVEL SOLBERG.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 18, 1873.—I will invest \$25 in such a work as the catalogue proposed, if it can be furnished at that, rather than longer "bear the ills we have." Hoping you will see your way to the undertaking,

I am respectfully, etc.,
W. D. MATTHEWS.

Underselling by Publishers.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

I NOTICED among the complaints of underselling by the Philadelphia publishers, in yours of July 5th, one from a Mr. Miller of Pottsville, Pa., who spoke of their offering one-third off to the retail buyer. I know personally of cases in which as much as forty per cent. has been given.

One to the point: A Chestnut street publishing firm sold a \$2 edition of "Ten Thousand a Year" to a friend of mine for \$1.20. My friend had no former acquaintance with the firm, either through business or friendship (for in the latter case no objection can be offered even if the party gives the book away.) He got better terms really, I suppose, than if I had sent in an order for it along with other books. Now what is gained by this? Nothing but the 80 cents by the buyer, and the spoiling of a good book-buying customer, for no amount of reasoning will ever convince that man that he is not being imposed upon when asked to pay the regular retail price. Nor does the wrong stop here. The book is shown, as a great bargain, to a friend—the friend goes to Philadelphia, and all his friends send by him for books, and club together to pay express. I have no doubt, however, but that if they should ask the "book-man" in Philadelphia, he would even kindly pre-pay express; and yet we are continually pestered by him either through agents, or by mail at bottom of statement, with "Can't you send us in more orders?" I saw a communication from a publisher in your paper saying that they did this because the retail bookseller did not show the desired energy and enterprise. All I would say in reply to this is, look at the bookstores of Lancaster, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, indeed of almost every place in Pennsylvania. I am sure everywhere you will find the book-trade either shoulder to shoulder with all the special stores of the town, or head and shoulders ahead in push. I had this specially called to my notice the other day in Pittsburgh, and yet they are by no means protected by first hands there, but always go about selling a customer a bill with as much hesitation as if walking on unknown ground. First, they have to find out what discount the would-be customer is in the habit of getting East, then if the dealer can do as well for him after paying freight from East, the sale is made, book tied up, and the customer, who may be in the iron or glass business and worth his hundreds of thousands, and still be slow pay, steps out after a naturally put request to *charge* it. Well, it stays charged may be for three or six months, and in the meantime the monthly statement comes to the bookseller from the eastern bookmaker, with the usual form below: "We will make draft on you at sight on the coming 10th. Please honor, and oblige yours, &c." Such was the experience of a Pittsburgh fellow trader, and such mine, and I expect would have been yours if you had been a retail bookseller.

Truly,

OCCASIONAL.

Increase of Lazy Booksellers.

CLEVELAND, O.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

WE are learning to do things handsomely out West, and for the benefit of your Eastern readers we will give you the secret. Just buy a small lot of goods. If customers do not come readily, advertise to move and sell at cost prices. After six months, when this is played out, rest thirty or sixty days, and then agitate the moving process again through the press or circulars. Be careful, however, and don't say, "We are going to move and are too lazy to do our work, and will be obliged to the public to come in and help us," but go on advertising regularly, and continue to buy, and let the community draw their own inference. Try this recipe, you will find it works well; it has

here for about a year (see enclosed circular).* Do not despair, you may yet learn something from Western enterprise.

* [The "enclosed circular" advertises a "closing sale" at wholesale prices on account of the usual "removal."]

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

FOLLOWING quick upon the publication of the "Pre-Historic Races of the United States" comes the announcement of the death of its eminent author, Col. John Wells Foster, LL.D. Mr. Foster was born in 1815, in the village of Brimfield, Mass., being 58 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves a blank in the scientific world not easily filled. His "Pre-Historic Races of the United States" is a valuable addition to the pre-historic archaeology of the world. In this work he gives the results of twenty years' investigation of the strange mounds which are to be found on this continent, giving evidences of a race of beings anterior to and different from ourselves. Speculating upon the purposes of the construction of these mounds, he learned to know their significance and their origin; and the origin and extinction of the Mound-Builders, the mysterious people by whom they were used. His book is by no means exhaustive. His intention of further investigations is embodied in the conclusion of his preface, in which he writes: "If the public manifest sufficient interest in questions relating to our pre-historic archaeology to justify the expense, I may hereafter, if life and health are spared, draw more liberally from the materials at my command." Unfortunately for those interested in these little-known people, death put an end, too soon, to his scientific labors. S. C. Griggs & Co., of Chicago, are the publishers of the above work, which is gotten up in handsome style.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS have just issued, in a neat pamphlet, with tasteful covers, specimen pages of their "Elementary and Advanced Science Series," which promises to make its mark in this country. During August the following volumes will be issued: In the Elementary Series, Watts' "Organic Chemistry;" Balfour's "Systematic and Economic Botany;" Evers' "Navigation," and Howard's "Practical Chemistry," each complete in one handy vol., 75 c. In the Advanced Series, Evers' "Steam and Steam Engines—Land, Marine, and Locomotive," \$1.50.

D. APPLETON & CO. have for sale, in the form of a dial, an ingenious contrivance called "The Office Indicator." It is for the use of professional men and all others having offices, to tell those calling during their absence, where they have gone, and when they will return. A circular, with full description of it, can be had upon application. Price, *net*, per doz., \$2.25; gross, \$24; 5 gross, \$108.

NEW COINS OF THE WORLD.—"The Bankers' Almanac for 1874," edited by I. Smith Homans, N. Y. (being the twenty-third annual volume), will be issued early in January next, for which are in preparation the following subjects: Engraved views of several of the mints in operation in Europe, South America, Australia, etc.; engraved views of the Bourse or Stock Exchange buildings of Paris, London, Lyons, Marseilles, and other leading cities of Europe (including that of ancient Pompeii); engraved fac-similes of the new Trade Dollar of the U. S., and of new coins issued by foreign mints in the year 1873, which, continued

annually, will be valuable as an historical feature, as well as interesting to bankers, numismatists, and others; a list of Banks and prominent Bankers in the leading cities of Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, the United States, etc.; statistics of the Coinage of the U. S., and of various countries, of late years; statistics of the Production of Gold in all countries, with a variety of useful details relating to Banks, Coinage, Stocks, and Bonds (American and Foreign), Railroads, etc.; with the usual details as to savings banks, railroads, stocks, bonds, etc.

WE call attention to the work on "Church Architecture," by F. C. Withers, from the enterprising firm of A. J. Bicknell & Co. The publishers deserve special praise for the taste and liberality displayed in the get-up of this magnificent volume. It contains plans, elevations, and views of twenty-one churches, photo-lithographed from original drawings. The designs are presented to the public with the hope that in this church-building age they may be found to contain useful hints to those engaged in the sacred work. They have been prepared with a view to demonstrate the great advantage of truthfulness and reality in building as a matter of policy as well as of principle. False construction on the one hand, and excessive ornamentation on the other, have been carefully avoided.

ALL who honored and loved Theodore Parker, says the *Christian Examiner*, and this means a large part of the community, including thousands who had very little sympathy with some of his theological opinions, should read Mr. Weiss's racy and graphic lecture, delivered last November, and now published in a neat pamphlet.

A NEW and carefully revised edition of "Gillett's History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States" is in press by the Presb. Board of Pub. Dr. Gillett has had the co-operation of Dr. McGill, of Princeton, in this revision, but would be glad to receive any items of information that would add to the correctness of his statements. Suggestions should be sent without delay to the Rev. John W. Dulles, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia.

IN *Old and New* for August, Horatio N. Powers gives a comprehensive sketch of Philip Gilbert Hamerton, his life and works, which will be of interest to a large circle of American readers. "The Painter's Camp," "Thoughts About Art," and more recently, "The Intellectual Life," have received in America their most cordial welcome and appreciation. Their author is still a young man, having been born September 10, 1834.

DODD & MEAD promise for September a volume from each of those very eminent writers of religious fiction, Hesba Stretton, Mrs. Charles, and Edward Garrett, whose stories are, respectively, "Hester Morley's Promise," "Against the Stream," and "Crooked Places."

MR. ROE promises a new story, which Dodd & Mead are to publish in the fall. The same firm intend to issue early in the autumn Dean Howson's "Character of St. Paul."

THE house of Geo. E. Stevens & Co. is pushing ahead with unabated energy, which seems specially devoted to supplying the wants of the trade in that great region of which Cincinnati is the centre. Some one said, "They are fast becoming the Lee & Shepards of the West."

SEVERAL of the Messrs. Sadlier's books have

been advanced in price. Their 38 and 45-cent books are now 50 cents; their 90-cent books, \$1; and their \$1.13 books, \$1.25.

A "REPLY" to the remarkable article on the "Liberty of Protestantism"—July *Scribner's*—will appear in the September number of the magazine.

THE next volume of Scribner's "Library of Choice Fiction" will be "Wandering Willie," a story which has passed through several editions in London. It will appear in the fall.

MACMILLAN & Co. have just issued a new and enlarged edition of Earle's "Philology of the English Tongue," and the third and last volume of Cleasby's "Icelandic-English Dictionary," enlarged and completed by G. Vigfusson.

NOYES, HOLMES & Co. send us "Christianity: the Science of Manhood, a Book for Questioners," by Rev. Minot J. Savage. It is a simple and practical discussion of the questions of the day. The author says "he has fought over the whole ground of modern skepticism in a hand-to-hand contest with its shadows and facts," and has endeavored to set forth a solid pathway for his own feet, and for the tread of those who may choose to follow him.

THE readers of the "Schwartz Novels" will be glad to hear that their publication will be resumed after quite an interval, with the seventh book of the series, "The Son of the Organ-Grinder," to be brought out by Porter & Coates of Philadelphia, in very handsome style, 12mo, black and gold, with a steel portrait of Madame Marié Sophie Schwartz and a sketch of her life and writings by Robert Byr, a German novelist and critic of considerable note.

MR. WHITTAKER has sold over 30,000 copies of the "Hymnal" since its introduction.

THE *Arcadian* says that Mr. George Routledge returned to England, taking with him at least one trophy, in the shape of a new volume of poems, mostly MS., by Mr. Longfellow. The title of the book is the "Amaranth," and it will be published about the same time in London and New York. Mr. Routledge, it is said, paid a good price for it, as he did for a former work by the same author, "Three Books of Song," the consideration for which was £1,000.

MR. HENRY L. HINTON has in press a new novel, entitled "Children of the Wood," being a translation of Paul Heyse's last work. Heyse is the poet laureate of Germany, and when it was announced that he had published a new story, Messrs. Harper, Putnam, Lippincott, and Hinton all made an effort to secure it. A friendly conference of the claimants followed, and Mr. Hinton was acknowledged to have the first claim. The translation is by Mrs. A. W. Hinton, one of whose tales, some time ago, formed a feature in the *Home Journal*. Two other English versions from the same facile pen, being the "Maid of Treppi" and "Helene Morten," both by Paul Heyse will form two numbers of the "Puck Novels."

BAIN'S "Body and Mind" will be the fourth volume of the International Scientific Series. The Appletons are to issue it in August. During the month also they will publish "Nina's Atonement, and Other Stories," by Christian Reid, author of "Morton House," etc.

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & Co. announce Henri Rochefort's forbidden novel, "Ces Dépravés" in an English translation.

ANSON D. F. RANDOLPH & Co. have G. Jacox's work on "Aspects of Authorship" in press.

England.

MR. A. J. ELLIS, the President of the Philological Society, will complete his work on "Early English Pronunciation, with special reference to Chaucer and Shakespeare," in the autumn of the present year, so that the three societies which publish the book may issue the fourth and concluding part next January.

A NEW fac-simile of the 1623 Folio of Shakespeare's Plays, under the direct supervision of Mr. Howard Staunton, will be shortly issued. The fac-simile is a reproduction of the splendid copy in the library of the Earl of Ellesmere, at Bridge-water House; supplemented, where any pages of that volume are defective, by the fine copy in the Grenville Library of the British Museum.

AMONG Mr. Murray's announcements of scientific books, to be published during the summer and autumn, are, "The Naturalist in Nicaragua," by Mr. T. Belt; new editions of "The Harvest of the Sea," by Mr. J. G. Bertram; and Mr. Bates's book, "The River Amazons."

STRAHAN & Co. will publish immediately, "National Education and Public Elementary Schools," by J. H. Rigg, D.D.; "White Rose and Red," a love story, by the author of "Saint Abe;" and "The Coming Man," by the late Rev. James Smith, M.A., author of "The Divine Drama of History and Civilization," etc., in 2 vols.

THE Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers in England have awarded the following premiums:—Watt Medals and Telford Premiums, to Sir C. A. Hartley, M. Inst. C.E., for his paper "On the Delta of the Danube, and the Provisional Works executed at the Sulina Mouth;" to J. Head, Assoc. Inst. C.E., for his paper "On the Rise and Progress of Steam Locomotion on Common Roads;" to W. Anderson, M. Inst. C.E., for his description of "The Aba-el-Wakf Sugar Factory, Upper Egypt." Telford Medals and Telford Premiums, to J. Deas, M. Inst. C.E., for his memoir "On the River Clyde;" to W. T. Thornton, C.B., for his essay "On the Relative Advantages of the 5 Feet 6 Inches Gauge, and of the Metre Gauge for the State Railways of India;" to Col. W. H. Greathed, C.B., R.E., for his "Account of the Practice and Results of Irrigation in Northern India." Telford Premiums, to J. Milroy, Assoc. Inst. C.E., for his paper "On Cylindrical or Columnar Foundations in Concrete, Brickwork, and Stonework;" and to W. Pole, LL.D., F.R.S., M. Inst. C.E., for his "Notes on the Rigi Railway." The Manby Premium, to T. Sopwith, Jr., M. Inst. C.E., for his paper "On the Mont Cenis Tunnel."—*Athenæum*.

MR. BLANCHARD JERROLD is engaged, with special sanction of the Empress Eugénie, on "The Life and Times of Napoleon III." The first part is expected about Christmas.

THE University of Oxford has just conferred the degree of D.C.L., its highest honor, upon Prof. James Russell Lowell.

LONGMANS announce "The Chronology of the Bible and Historical Synchronisms," by M. Ernest de Bunsen.

MR. MONCURE D. CONWAY is finishing his "Sacred Anthology, a Book of Ethnical Scripture," which is a collection and methodical classification of the finest passages from the Bibles and

cherished volumes of all races and past ages, including selections from the Old and New Testaments, in carefully revised versions.

JOAQUIN MILLER's "Life Among the Modocs" is about ready in London. He styles it "Unwritten History." The book is a defense of the Indians. Bentley & Son bring it out in an octavo volume at 14 shillings.

France.

DIDOT, Paris, announces "Histoire et Mémoires, par le Comte de Ségur," in 8 vols. 8vo., chiefly devoted to the historical epoch of 1789 to 1814. The "Mémoires," according to the will of the distinguished author, could not be published until after his death.

DIDIER, Paris, has published, in 2 vols. 8vo., Chaignet's "Pythagoras and the Pythagorean Philosophy," a work which has been crowned by the Academy of Moral Sciences.

JULES VERNE's latest work, the first part of which has just been issued by Hetzel, Paris, bears the title of "Le Pays des Fourrures." The same prolific author has also published a comedy in 3 acts, under the title, "A Nephew from America."

SANDOZ & FISCHBACHER, the Paris publishers of the *Revue d'Alsace*, advertise a "Bibliographie Alsacienne" (1869-1871), in 3 vols. 8vo.

MICHEL LEVY FRERES have published a new translation, by Th. de Bentzon, of some of Bret Harte's prose sketches, under the title "Récits Californiens." The same firm has in press, "Le Château de Pictordu," a new novel by George Sand; "Le Bon Vieux Temps," by the Count A. de Gasparin; "Dernières Nouvelles," by Prosper Mérimée; and "Le Carnaval du Dictionnaire," by Pierre Véron.

ERCKMANN-CHATRIAN are writing a new story—"Une Campagne en Kabylie, racontée par un Chasseur d'Afrique."

FARJEON's "Blade o' Grass" has been translated into French and is about to be issued in Paris.

Germany.

THE German Empress, on the occasion of the Vienna Exhibition, has offered two prizes, of 2,000 Th. each, for the two following Treatises:—1, The best handbook of practical war surgery; 2, the best work on the Geneva Convention. The prize treatises may be written in French, German, or English, and must be handed in by the 15th of May, 1874. The prizes will be awarded on the 14th of October, 1874. The Empress has also given two thousand thalers to be used for prizes and the purchase of practical appliances for the sanitary service in the field.

BROCKHAUS, Leipsic, publishes a new work on "Persia and the Persians," by Dr. J. E. Polak, who spent nine years in that country as practising physician.

THE German translation of Buckle's "History of Civilization in England" has reached a second edition.

MEDICAL PUBLICATIONS.—Professor Frey's "Handbook of Histology" is just published in a fourth edition, and his work on the "Microscope" in a fifth enlarged edition; Kunze's "Practical Medicine" in a second edition; and Dillnberger's "Therapeutical Prescription Book" in a sixth edition. Of Niemeyer's "Medical Treatises," the second volume has made its appearance.

THE twenty-second edition of Hübner's celebrated "Universal Statistical Tables" (introduced in this country by Prof. Alex. Schem), is about ready by Boselli, of Frankfort.

A NEW number of Grimm's "Wörterbuch" has made its appearance, viz., No. 12 of volume V., completing this volume.

THE third volume of Julian Schmidt's "Neue Bilder aus d. geistigen Leben unserer Zeit" has been published by Duncker & Humblot, Leipsic.

PROF. GEO. CURTIUS has in press an exhaustive work on the Greek verb, which will shortly be published by Hirzel, of Leipsic.

BRUNO KERL's "Compendium of Metallurgy" has been published by Felix, Leipsic, in 1 vol. 8vo, with 246 engravings on wood.

BRET HARTE's Sketches have been translated into German by W. Hertzberg, under the title, "Californische Novellen."

"KAISER WILHELM and His Contemporaries" is the title of Louise Mühlbach's new historical romance. The first part, consisting of 4 volumes, has appeared, and many more are to follow.

JOURNALISTIC

JAMES R. OSGOOD & Co. have just issued the first two numbers, for July and August, of the *Architectural Sketch-Book*, a monthly magazine of special value to architects and artists. Each number will contain four or more plates printed by the heliotype process, with descriptive letterpress. The *Sketch-Book* is edited by the Portfolio Club, and promises to have many features of interest and value.

EARLY in the fall Messrs. Scribner will begin the publication of an Illustrated Monthly Magazine for Girls and Boys, to be edited by Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, author of "Hans Brinkler," and for the last four years editor of the children's department of *Hearth and Home*. Mrs. Dodge is now in Europe securing materials and contributions for the new venture, and elaborate preparations are being made, necessitating an outlay of many thousands of dollars to make it the best child's paper in the world.

Forest and Stream is a new weekly journal devoted to Field and Aquatic Sports, Practical Natural History, Fish Culture, the Protection of Game, Preservation of Forests, and the inculcation in men and women of a healthy interest in Out-Door Recreation and Study. Edited by Charles Hallock, and published by the Forest and Stream Publishing Company, at 103 Fulton street, New York; terms, \$5 per annum.

THE *United States Mercantile and Shipping Advertiser* has passed into new hands. Mr. N. R. Monachesi, formerly connected with our WEEKLY, is now the publisher of it. It is the intention to infuse new spirit in the enterprise, and make it a thoroughly reliable sheet for the shipping trade.

THE *Boston Daily Times* and *Boston Daily News* have become one paper, under the title of the latter journal, Mr. B. W. Thayer, of the former, having assumed a position on the directorship, with an interest proportionate to the terms of consolidation.

The Highland Star, a new independent weekly journal, devoted to literature, poetry, gossip, and news, is published in Boston, by Macomber, Sexton & Co.

THE interesting article on "The Brontës," reprinted in *Every Saturday* from the *Cornhill Magazine*, is said to be from the pen of Mr. George B. Smith, the writer of the paper on "Thackeray," in a recent number of the *Edinburgh Review*.

IDA GREELEY has translated a story from the French for the *Graphic*, and is engaged in writing an original sketch for the same paper.

WE have to note the appearance of two new *Globes* in the journalistic world. One, a musical journal, devoted to art and literature, is published in this city at 23 Liberty street, by Charles A. Atkinson & Co. The other, the *Globe*, a magazine of literary record and criticism, comes from Buffalo, E. L. Cornwall, publisher. Subscription to either, \$1 per year.

The Union Era has not been incorporated with another journal, as was before erroneously stated. It is still published by the Church Union Association at 27 City Hall Square.

REV. DARIUS MEAD, 5 Beekman street, has issued a new magazine called the *Christian Mother*. He is assisted in editing it by Mrs. Helen C. Warner.

THE following periodicals have recently been started in England: The *News vendor*, a monthly organ of the news trade; *Medical Notes and Queries*, published weekly at one penny; the *Timber Trades Journal*, a fortnightly magazine, representing the interests of all consumers of wood, such as builders, cabinet makers, pianoforte makers, carpenters, printers, joiners, etc.; and the *Civil Service Reform*, a weekly, discussing civil service subjects.

THE *Allgemeine Bibliographie der Staats-u. Rechts-wissenschaften*, published by Puttkammer & Mühlbrecht, of Berlin, has recorded during its fifth year 2,512 titles of German, French, English, Scandinavian, Dutch, Flemish, Italian, and Spanish publications, representing the entire literature of political economy and jurisprudence of 1872. A systematic index to the first five volumes of this valuable bibliography is in preparation.

Archives de droit international et de législation comparée is the title of a new quarterly, published by the same firm, with the assistance of Asser, of Amsterdam, Rolin-Jacquemijns, of Ghent, and Westlake, of London. The *Archives* are to contain, supplementary to the *Revue de droit international et de législation comparée*, the authentic text of treaties, important verdicts, and legislative documents. The first number will appear in January, 1874.

Hispania, Archivo para o estudo da historia, raças, linguas, litteraturas e antiquidades da peninsula iberica, is the title of a scientific magazine edited by F. A. Coelho and T. Braga, which is to appear from August first, bi-monthly, in Lisbon. The *Bibliographia Critica*, recently started by Coelho, is said to be a very valuable publication.

THE first number of a new periodical, the *Archivio Storico Siciliano*, has been brought out in Palermo, edited by Baron Raffaello Starabba and Signor Isodoro Carini.

IT is quite fair to test the popularity of the several novels of Dickens by their respective sales, since the fame of Dickens rests upon the wide extended popularity of his works. Taking the sale of the *Globe Dickens* and the *Riverside Dickens*,

there is an interesting exhibit of the comparative popularity of his works. "David Copperfield" stands at the head in the Globe or cheap edition, and "Christmas Stories" at the head in the Riverside or library edition, but then it leads "Copperfield" by only six copies; "Pickwick" comes next in the Globe, and "Oliver Twist" in the Riverside; then follow "Nickleby," "Oliver Twist," and "Dombey and Son" in the Globe. The variations in the Riverside throughout are slight and hardly to be reckoned, since the books are sold in sets. The "Tale of Two Cities" stands at the foot of the Globe List.—*Riverside Bulletin*.

WE have before us a little pamphlet of 61 pages, the title of which is, "How to Read a Book in the Best Way." The author of it justly says: "Though the growth of the means of reading is almost boundless, the good which follows from their use is but slight," because—we do not know "how to read." Hence he sets himself up as a sign-post for the stragglers in the thoroughfares of literature, and by a few rules for body and mind, seeks to put them in the right way. How practicable his rules are may be judged by the contents of his book, viz.: Part 1. Healthy Reading; Part 2. Unhealthy Reading; Part 2.—1. Single Thoughts; 2. Common Thoughts; 3. Deeds; 4. Wisdom. He remarks in closing, "That there are three books alone that every one must ever study, Nature, Man, and God." Not very encouraging for the bookstores and circulating libraries.

WE know of no single work which gives so clear and comprehensive a view of German literature as does Gostwick and Harrison's "Outlines of German Literature," says the *Literary World*.

MR. WM. H. WHITMORE has reprinted in a single pamphlet, from the proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, two essays of his: one, "On the Origin of the Names of Towns in Massachusetts Settled prior to A.D. 1775;" the other, "On the Name of the Town of Lexington," to which the author, for special reasons, has given particular attention.

WE clip the following trade curiosity from the *New York Herald*:

PHILADELPHIA, July 26, 1873.

To the Editor of the Herald.

We noticed the following paragraph among the items of *Literary News* in your issue of the 24th inst.:

Among the so-called "new novels" of this summer was "The Heiress of Sweetwater," by J. Thornton Randolph, published by a Philadelphia house. The same novel precisely was published seventeen years ago, by the same publisher, under the name of "Kate Aylesford, a Story of the Refugees," by Charles J. Peterson. If this is not disreputable business, it ought to be.

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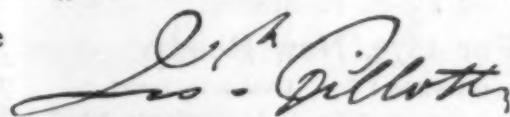
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